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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 March 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/16/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the communication filed on March 14, 2001. Claims 1 – 3 were originally received for consideration. No preliminary amendments for the claims were filed. Claims 1 – 3 are currently being considered.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. An initialed and dated copy of Applicant's IDS form 1449, received on March 16, 2004, is attached to this Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1 – 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dillon (U.S. Patent 6,351,467).

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Regarding claim 1, Dillon discloses:

An Internet broadcast billing system having a billing server that bills the user of a user terminal that has viewed the program of broadcast data sent to the user terminal via the Internet from a broadcast facility, wherein a billing server is constructed to carry out the steps of:

distributing encryption keys for encrypting the broadcast data or decrypting the encrypted broadcast data to the broadcast facility and the user terminal that will receive the broadcast data depending on requests from the broadcast facility or the user terminal (column 15 lines 53 – 63, column 21 lines 48 – 64);

storing the viewing starting time of the program and user information (Table 2, column 22 line 62 – column 23 line 6, column 28 lines 20 – 55);

periodically updating the encryption keys (column 21 lines 48 – 63);

carrying out confirmation of the reception of the encryption keys (column 21 lines 48 – 63);

canceling the distribution of a new encryption key during the next periodic key update in the case that a request to stop the viewing of the program is received from the user terminal or in the case that a confirmation of reception during the update of the encryption key is not obtained and determining that the reception has been terminated (column 8 lines 51 – 54, column 21 lines 1 – 64); and

carrying out billing processing so as to bill the amount of time that the user of the user terminal viewed the program (column 4 lines 53 – 60, column 10 lines 3 – 17).

Claim 2 is rejected as applied above in rejecting claim1. Furthermore, Dillon discloses:

An Internet broadcast billing system according to claim 1 wherein the billing server and the broadcast facility are formed in the same system (Figure 3, column 4 lines 53 – 60, column 10 lines 3 – 17).

4. Claim 3 is analogous in both claim limitations and scope to claim 1, and therefore is rejected under the same rationale given above.

Conclusion

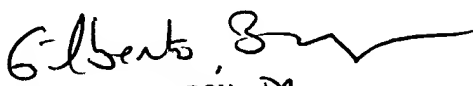
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kaveh Abrishamkar whose telephone number is 571-272-3786. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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